

REMARKS**Issues Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 7 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Napadow. Applicant respectfully traverses. Napadow uses water to collect overspray particles, catches the water, and recycles the water for use in additional collection of overspray materials. Unlike Napadow, Applicant's invention uses the sprayed material itself to collect oversprayed particles. Claims 5 and 10 have been amended to emphasize that Applicant's invention does not use water for collection of overspray particles. By using the sprayed material to collect the oversprayed particles, the overspray paint is not wasted. This eliminates the need for expensive disposable filters and prevents the creation of sludge material. (See Applicant's Specification, p. 4, l. 5-23). Napadow teaches just the opposite. As explained in Napadow at column 2, lines 30-39, Napadow uses water to collect oversprayed paint particles, does not recycle the oversprayed paint particles, and has the wasted paint particles removed. For these and other reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 5-10 be withdrawn.

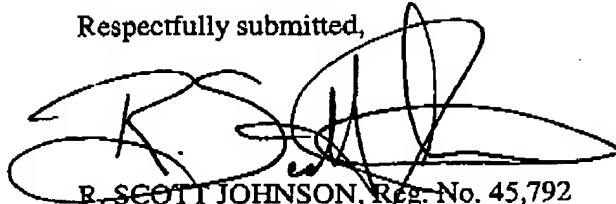
Conclusion

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5-10 are in allowable form.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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